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From: Ryan Nawn
Sent: Tuesday 30 November 2021 08:32
To:
Subject: FW: Proposed Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route R539 and new interchange at Montrose, Mpumalanga (Part 1 of 2)
Attachments: TracN4-Montrose-BID_final2.pdf; PE293-AMDetail-PKp01 (1).pdf

Dear

It was good meeting you in person last past Friday.

As discussed earlier today, here is some information to bring you up to speed. Please do not hesitate contacting me should you require more clarity on the attached map showing the consolidated accesses affecting your property too.

For the Schoemanskloof Road upgrades (inclusive of these consolidation of accesses) a draft Basic Assessment Report will be circulated to you too for comment for a period of 30 days.

For the Borrow Pits project, I will of course include you as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for that process. Note that all we have done for the borrow pits component is the field surveys last week and the week before.

This mail is followed by a second one.

Regards,

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From: Ryan Nawn
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Subject: Proposed Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route R539 and new interchange at Montrose, Mpumalanga (Part 1 of 2)

Dear ,

I trust you and your mom are keeping safe and doing well.

I hereby send you background information on the proposed upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route – please see below correspondence below and the attached later correspondence. As discussed on site during our ecological surveys 11 – 13 May 2021, the upgrades can be summarised as follows:

- Lengthening of some existing passing lanes – both east and westbound directions where determined to be necessary and feasible (most of this will be done within the existing SANRAL servitude, however a small

percentage will need to be done beyond the existing SANRAL servitude where formal expropriation processes apply),

- Introducing new passing lanes – both east and westbound directions where determined to be necessary and feasible (most of this will be done within the existing SANRAL servitude, however a small percentage will need to be done beyond the existing SANRAL servitude where expropriation processes apply),
- Consolidation of existing accesses off the Schoemanskloof Route. As explained where existing accesses are close to one another, these are clumped together in one formal, SANRAL standard access offering much safer conditions – a typical design of such a consolidated access is attached hereto. By the very nature of clumping / consolidating numerous accesses at a time, some landowners will find it convenient, whilst others may find it inconvenient as they would need to drive a different route to get to their existing internal access roads on their farms;
- Constructing new access routes from the consolidated access points that will comprise a 6,6 m width of high grade layered and compacted gravel. These access gravel routes will be constructed within newly acquired SANRAL servitudes where formal expropriation processes apply since these fall beyond the existing SANRAL servitude; and
- Creation of informal access gravel routes, from the above-mentioned formal routes such that landowners can get to their existing internal roads.

I have also attached a map indicating the latest design of the proposed overtaking lanes, consolidated accesses and new internal access gravel routes for the eastern section of the route applying to your area. Please study this in detail.

Should you, _____ wish to provide comments on these proposed upgrades, despite not being registered Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs); I urge you / them to do so via e-mail back to me.

Please do so by 6 July 2021.

Please forward this mail to all in your area and copy me in please.

Individuals may provide comments or ask questions which we will of course answer as best we can.

Whether individuals ask questions or not, they are welcome to just request me to register them as I&APs so that they too are privy to the draft Basic Assessment Report they will also be able to comments on later in the process.

Another mail follows this one. Please forward the same to your neighbours.

Kindly confirm receipt hereof and do not hesitate calling me at any stage.

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From: Ryan Nawn
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Cc:

Subject: Open Sessions: Proposed Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route R539 and new interchange at Montrose, Mpumalanga

Dear Interested & Affected Party,

By now you would have been made aware of the above proposed project.

In essence, the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) is proposing to upgrade the Schoemanskloof R539 Route with additional passing lanes and lengthening of some existing ones and introducing a road interchange at the existing T-junction of the National N4 Toll Route between eMgwenya (Waterval Boven) and Mbombela (Nelspruit) with the alternative R539 Route, Mpumalanga. As part of continual upgrading of this road corridor between Pretoria in the west and Maputo, Mozambique in the east; a need has arisen to introduce such improvements to:

- Improve traffic flow speeds, and
- Improve safety of motorists.

You have either recently registered as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for this project or you were met or called by me whilst on site on 13 September or 15 November 2019. You would have seen the Background Information Document too – of not, it is herewith attached.

We hereby wish to notify you of two **Open Sessions** offered where anybody is welcome to ask questions (details of where the project is, what is proposed, whether an entrance of your property might be affected, construction timeframes etc), share environmental concerns and gain more understanding about the project. You are also welcome to register as I&APs during these sessions if you have not already done so. We will also be having the appointed Engineers (SMEC) responsible for the designs of the upgrades present at these sessions where key maps will be on display and technical questions can be related to them.

The details of these two Open Sessions are as follows:

Venue: **Schoemanskloof Boeresaal / Farmers Hall**, adjacent on western side of the Viva Fuel Service Station on the Schoemanskloof Route R539, Mpumalanga

Dates & times: **Friday, 29 November 2019 between 14h00 – 18h00**
Saturday, 30 November 2019 between 8h00 – 10h00

To clarify: these times are open slots i.e. you can come and discuss the project with us as the Environmental Assessment Practitioners and Engineers for the project at any time within the slots indicated – for as long or short in duration as you wish.

Please do not hesitate contacting me directly should anything need to be clarified or if you have any questions about these two sessions.

Regards,

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From: Ryan Nawn
Sent: Tuesday 30 November 2021 08:34
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Attachments: Typical Intersection Layouts.pdf

Dear

Herewith attached is the typical access design for climbing on- and off the Schoemanskloof Route for either directions.

Kindly confirm receipt of this and the my previous mail (Part 1 of 2).

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Dear

Please see below correspondence also communicated more recently for onward communication to your neighbours (and please copy me in). I have also attached the typical design of a consolidated access' intersection which I did not attach in my previous mail.

Kindly confirm receipt hereof and do not hesitate contacting me at any stage.

Take care.

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From: Ryan Nawn

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Subject: Open Sessions: Proposed Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route R539 with inclusion of new Consolidated Accesses, Mpumalanga

Dear Interested & Affected Party,

You are registered as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for the required environmental authorisations processes for the proposed **SANRAL (Trac N4) Road Upgrades of the Schoemanskloof Route (R539), Mpumalanga**.

To refresh memory, the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) is proposing to upgrade the Schoemanskloof R539 Route with additional passing lanes and lengthening of some existing ones (and introducing a road interchange at the existing T-junction of the National N4 Toll Route between eMgwenya (Waterval Boven) and Mbombela (Nelspruit) with the alternative R539 Route which followed another authorisation and comment opportunities process which you formed part of). As part of continual upgrading of this road corridor between Pretoria in the west and Maputo, Mozambique in the east; a need has arisen to introduce such improvements to:

- Improve traffic flow speeds, and
- Improve safety of motorists.

Currently, there are 127 accesses off the Schoemanskloof Route – some very close to one another and many dangerous climb on- and off situations. For these reasons, it is also proposed that existing accesses be consolidated into improved, safer designed and marked consolidated accesses. The current very high level concept design brings the number of accesses down to 20.

Because of these additional design improvements forming part of the overall upgrade project, we feel it imperative to offer two **Open Sessions** where anybody is welcome to come and determine whether their existing access routes to properties would be consolidated and how the high-level conceptual designs are proposed at this stage. Your constructive discussions & inputs would be taken into account for the environmental considerations, but perhaps more so the engineering designs by the appointed road engineers. We will also be having the appointed Engineers (SMEC) responsible for the designs of these consolidated accesses present at these sessions where key maps will be on display and technical questions can be related to them.

The details of these two Open Sessions are as follows:

Venue: **Schoemanskloof Boeresaal / Farmers Hall**, adjacent on western side of the Viva Fuel Service Station on the Schoemanskloof Route R539, Mpumalanga

Dates & times: **Friday, 12 February 2021 between 14h00 – 18h00**
Saturday, 13 February 2021 between 8h00 – 12h00

To clarify: these times are open slots i.e. you can come and discuss the project with us as the Environmental Assessment Practitioners and Engineers for the project at any time within the slots indicated – for as long or short in duration as you wish.

Please do not hesitate contacting me directly should anything need to be clarified or if you have any questions about these two sessions.

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